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By the Mayor.

To the Alderman of the
Ward

Wardmote.

Inquest for
the year.

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Watch, light,
Vizard.

Common-
Council.



Charge and command you, that upon Saint Thomas day the Apostle next coming, you do hold your Wardmote, and that you have afore us at our general Court of Aldermen to be holden the Monday next after the Feast of the Epiphany next coming, all the Defaults that shall be presented afore you by Inquest in the said Wardmote; and the said Inquest shall have full power and authority by one whole year to enquire and present all such Defaults as shall be found within your said Ward, as oftentimes as shall be thought to you expedient and needfull, which we will shall be once every month at the least.

2 And if it happen any of your said Inquest to die, or depart out of your said Ward within the said year, that then, in place of him or them so dying or departing out of your said Ward, you cause to be chosen one able person to inquire and present with the other in manner and form abovesaid.

3 And that, at the said general Court, you give afore us the names and surnames of all them of your said Ward that come not to your said Wardmote, if they be duly warned, so that due redress and punishment of them may be had, as the case shall require, according to the Law.

4 And that you do provide, that at all times convenient, convenient Watch be kept: And that Lanterns with light by nighttail in old manner accustomed be hanged forth: And that no man go by nighttail without light, nor with Vizard, on the peril that belongeth thereto.

5 And also that you do cause to be chosen men, of the most sufficient, honest and discreet men of your said Ward, to be for your said Ward of the Common-Council of this City for the year ensuing, according to the custome in that behalf yearly used. And also that you do cause the said men, so to be chosen to be of the Common-Council, to be sworn before you, and in your presence, according to the Oath by them used, and of old time accustomed; the tenor of which Oath hereafter ensueth:

Ye shall swear, that ye shall be true to our Sovereign Lord the KING that now is, and to his Heirs and lawful Successors, and readily come when ye be summoned to the Common-Council of this City, but if ye be reasonably excused; and good and true Counsel ye shall give in all things touching the common weal of this City, after your wit and cunning: And that for favour of any man ye shall maintain no singular profit, against the common profit of this City: And after that ye be come to the Common-Council, ye shall not from thence depart, till the Common-Council be ended, without reasonable cause be else by the Mayor's licence: And also that all secret things that be spoken or said in the Common-Council, the which ought to be kept secret, ye shall in no wise disclose. **As God you help.**

And that together with the said Oath of their Office, you administer to the said persons that shall be chosen of the Common-Council, the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and the other Oath hereafter following.

I A. B. Do utterly testify and declare in my conscience that the KING's Highnes is the only Supreme Governoar of this Realm, and of all other his Highnes's Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual or Ecclesiastical things or causes as Temporal; And that no Forein Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm: And therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all Forein Jurisdictions, Powers, Superiorities and Authorities, and do promise that from henceforth I shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the KING's Highnes, his Heirs and lawful Successors; and to my power shall assist and defend all Jurisdictions, Privileges, Preeminences and Authorities granted or belonging to the KING's Highnes, his Heirs and Successors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm. **So help me God, and by the Contents of this Book.**

I A. B. Do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare in my conscience before God and the world, that our Sovereign Lord King CHARLES is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other his Majestie's Dominions and Countries; and that the Pope, neither of himself, nor by any authority of the Church or See of Rome, or by any other means with any other, hath any power or authority to depose the King, or to dispose any of his Majestie's Kingdoms or Dominions, or to authorize any Forein Prince to invade or annoy him or his Countries,

or to discharge any of his Subjects of their Allegiance and obedience to his *Majesty*, or to give License or leave to any of them to bear Arms, raise Tumults, or to offer any violence or hurt to his *Majestie's Royal Person, State or Government*, or to any of his *Majestie's Subjects within his Majestie's Dominions*. Also I do swear from my heart, that notwithstanding any Declaration or sentence of Excommunication or Deprivation made or granted, or to be made or granted, by the Pope or his Successors, or by any Authority derived or pretended to be derived from him or his See, against the said *King*, his Heirs or Successors, or any Absolution of the said Subjects from their Obedience, I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his *Majesty*, his Heirs and Successors, and him and them will defend to the uttermost of my power, against all Conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his or their Persons, their Crown and Dignity, by reason or colour of any such sentence or Declaration, or otherwise; and will doe my best endeavour to disclose and make known unto his *Majesty*, his Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and Traitorous Conspiracies which I shall know or hear of, to be against him or any of them. And I do farther swear, th. t I do from my heart abhor, detest and abjure, as impious and heretical, this damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes which be excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do believe, and in conscience am resolved, that neither the Pope nor any person whatsoever hath power to absolve me of this Oath, or any part thereof, which I acknowledge by good and full Authority to be lawfully administered unto me, and do renounce all pardons and dispensations to the contrary. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, and swear according to these express words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation, or mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever; And I do make this Recognition and acknowledgment heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true faith of a Christian. **So help me God, &c.**

I A. B. Do declare and believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the *KING*; And that I do abhor that traitorous Position, of taking Arms by his Authority against his Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him. **So help me God.**

And farther, that you likewise administer to the same persons that shall be so elected of the Common-Council, to be by them subscribed, the ensuing Declaration.

I A. B. Do declare, That I hold that there is no obligation upon me or any other person from the Oath commonly called *The Solemn League and Covenant*; And that the same was in it self an unlawful Oath, and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realm against the known Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom.

For that otherwise, if the said persons, or any of them, that shall be elected as aforesaid of the Common-Council, shall not take the said Oaths, and subscribe the said Declaration, their election and choice is by the late Act of Parliament, for the Governing and Regulating of Corporations, enacted and declared to be void.

6 And that also in the said Wardmote you cause to be chosen certain other honest persons to be Constables, and Scavengers, and a common Beadle, and a Raker to make clean the Streets and lanes of all your said Ward, according to the custom yearly used in that behalf: which Constables have and shall have full power and authority to distrain for the Salary and Quarterage of the said Beadle and Raker, as oftentimes as it shall be behind or unpaid.

7 Also that you keep a Roll of the names, surnames, dwelling-places, professions and trades of all persons dwelling within your Ward, and within what Constables Precinct they dwell, wherein the place is to be specially noted by Street, Lane, Alley, or Sign.

8 Also that you cause every Constable from time to time to certifie unto you the name, surname, dwelling-place, profession and trade of every person who shall newly come to dwell within his Precinct, whereby you may make and keep your Roll perfect: And that you cause every Constable for his Precinct, to that purpose, to make and keep a perfect Roll in like manner.

9 Also that you give special charge that every Inholder and other person within your Ward, who shall receive any person to lodge or sojourn in his house above two daies, shall before the third day after his coming thither, give knowledge to the Constable of the Precinct where he shall be so received, of the name, surname, dwelling-place, profession and trade of life, or place of service of such person, and for what cause he shall come to reside there; and that the said Constable give present notice thereof to you: and that the said Inholder lodge no suspected person, or men or women of evil name.

10 Also that you cause every Constable within his Precinct, once every month at the farthest, and oftner if need require, to make diligent search and inquiry what persons be newly come into his Precinct to dwell, sojourn or lodge: and that you give special charge, that no Inholder or person shall resist or deny any Constable in making such search or inquiry, but shall do his best endeavour to aid and assist him therein.

11 And for that of late there is more resort to the City of persons evil-affected in Religion and otherwise than in former times hath been; you shall diligently enquire if any man be received to dwell or abide within your Ward that is not put under Frank pledge, as he ought to be by the custome of the City; and whether any person hath continued in the said Ward by the space of one year, being above the age of xii. years, and not sworn to be faithful and loyal to the Kings Majestie, in such sort as by the law and custome of this City he ought to be.

12 To all these purposes the Beadle of every Ward shall employ his diligence, and give his best furtherance.

Constables,
Scavengers,
Beadle,
Raker.

Roll of names

Constables.

Roll.

Inholder.
Lodger.
Sojourner.

Suspect per-
sons.

Search.

Frank pledge

Beadle.



- Fire.** 13 Also that you have special regard that from time to time there be convenient provision for Hooks, Ladders, Buckets, Spouts and Engines, in meet places within the several Parishes of your Ward, for avoiding the peril of fire.
- Streets.** 14 Also that the Streets and Lanes of this City be from time to time kept clean before every Church, House, Shop, Ware-house, Dore, Dead-wall, and in all other common passages and Streets of the said Ward.
- Hucksters of Ale and Beer.** 15 And where by divers Acts of Common-Council, aforesame made and established for the common weal of this City, among other things, it is Ordained and Enacted, as hereafter ensueth:
- Also it is Ordained and Enacted, That from henceforth no Huckster of Ale or Beer be within any Ward of the City of London but honest persons, and of good name and fame, and so taken and admitted by the Alderman of the Ward for the time being; and that the same Hucksters do find sufficient surety before the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, to be of good guiding and rule: and that the same Hucksters shall keep no Bawdry, nor suffer no Lechery, Dice, Playing, Carding, or any other unlawful Games to be done, exercised or used within their houses; and to shut in their doors at nine of the clock in the night, from Michaelmas to Easter, and from Easter to Michaelmas at ten of the clock in the night, and after that hour sell no Ale or Beer: And if any Huckster of Beer or Ale, after this Act published and proclaimed, sell any Ale or Beer within any Ward of the City of London, and be not admitted by the Alderman of the same Ward so to do, or find not sufficient surety, as it is above rehearsed, the same Huckster to have imprisonment, and make fine and ransom for his contempt, after the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen: And also that the said Hucksters suffer no manner of common eating and drinking within their Cellars or Vaults, contrary to the Ordinance thereof ordained and provided, as in the said Act more plainly appeareth at large: We charge you that you put the same in due execution accordingly.
- Measures sealed.** 16 And also that ye set all Tiplers, and other sellers of Ale or Beer, as well privy Officers, as Brewers and Inholders, within your Ward, not selling by lawful measures sealed and marked with the City Arms or Dagger, be presented, and their names in your said Indentures be expressed, with their Defaults, so that the Chamberlain may be lawfully answered of their amercements.
- Strangers born.** 17 And also that you suffer no Alien, or son of any born an Alien, to be of the Common-Council, nor to exercise or use any other Office within this City, nor receive or accept any person into your Watch, privy, or open, but English-men born: and if any Stranger born out of this Realm, made denizen by Letters Patents, or any other after his course and lot be appointed to any Watch, that then ye command and compel him or them to find in his stead and place an English-man to supply the same.
- Streets.** 18 And also that you cause an Abstract of the Assise appointed by Act of Parliament for Billets and other Fire-wood to be fair written in Parchment, and to be fixed or hanged up in a Table, in some fit and convenient place in the Parish within your Ward, where the common people may best see the same.
- Pain 40. s.** 19 And furthermore, we charge and command you, that you cause such provision to be had in your said Ward, that all the Streets and Lanes within the same Ward be from time to time cleansed and clearly voided of Dure, Dung, Mire, Rubbish, and other filthy things whatsoever be to the annoiance of the Kings Majesties Subjects.
- Vagrants.** 20 And also that at all times as you shall think necessary, you do cause search to be made within your said Ward for all vagrant Beggars, suspicious and idle people, and such as cannot shew how to live; and such as shall be found within your said Ward, that you cause to be punished and dealt with according to the Laws and Statutes in such case ordained and provided.
- Jury-men.** 21 And also we will and charge you the said Alderman, that your self certifie and present before us at the said general Court, to be holden the aforesaid Monday next after the Feast of the Epiphany, all the names and surnames truly written of such persons within your said Ward as be able to pass in a Grand-Jury by themselves; and also all the names and surnames truly written of such persons being and dwelling within your said Ward, as be able to pass in a Petty-Jury by themselves; that is to say, every Grand-Jury-man to be worth in goods an hundred marks, and every Petty-Jury-man forty marks, according to an Act in that case ordained and provided: and the same you shall indorse on the back-side of your Indenture.
- Harlots.** 22 Item, for divers reasonable and urgent considerations us especially moving, we straightly charge and command you on the King our Sovereign Lords behalfe, That you diligently provide and foresee, that no manner of person or persons within your said Ward, what condition or degree soever he or they be of, keeping any Tavern or Ale-house, Ale-seller, or any other Victualling-house, or place of common resort to eat or drinke in, within the same Ward, permit or suffer at any time hereafter any common woman of their bodies, or Harlots, to resort and come into their said house, or other the places aforesaid, to eat or drinke, or otherwise to be converlant or abide, or thither to haunt or frequent, upon pain of imprisonment, as well of the Tenant and keeper of every such house or houses, and all other the places afore remembred, as of the common woman or Harlot.
- Articles.** 23 Also that you do give in charge to the Wardmote Inquest of your Ward all the Articles delivered to you herewith, and that you have a special care of keeping the peace and good order during your Wardmote, and if any offend herein, you fine or punish him or them according to Law.

Not failing hereof, as ye tender the common weal of this City, and advancement of good Justice, and as ye will answer for the contrary at your uttermost peril. Dated at under the Seal-Office of Mayoralty of the said City, the day of December, in the year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.